



Bulletin #2008-014 10 – November - 2008

Subject:
2009 Rally America Regional Championship Awards

Overview:
Effective January 1, 2009, the following rule changes go into effect.

1. Replace Article 9.6.C with the following:

C. Classes

Open, Super Production, Production GT, Production, Open Light, Group 2 and Group 5 classes will be included in the Regional Championship.

An event organizer, with prior approval from Rally America, may divide his/her entry field into additional classes for the purposes of event awards and/or the computation of points for independent regional championships.

2. Replace Article 9.6.D.1 with the following:

1. Titles

Regional competitor champion titles (for driver and co-driver) are established in each of the regions for each of the classes listed in Article 9.6.C. Titles will be determined for eligible competitors by the highest total of event points accrued in class, based on the rules below, during the declared season.

If there are less than three competitors in a given class in a given region and no competitor in that class in that region scores more 125 points during the season, the Regional Champion title will not be awarded for that class.

3. Replace Article 9.6.F.2 with the following:

2. At the end of the season, Regional Championship trophies will be awarded to the top scoring competitors in the regional class standings.

First, second, or third place trophies will be awarded to eligible competitors who score more than 125 points in class, regardless of the number of competitors in that class.

When competitors score less than 125 points in class, the following trophies will be awarded based on the number of competitors (including those scoring DNFs) listed in the regional class standings:

a. No trophies if there are less than 3 competitors

- b. First place trophy if there are 3 competitors
 - c. First and second place trophies if there are 4 or 5 competitors
 - d. First, second and third place trophies if there are 6 or more competitors
4. Replace the first paragraph of Article 9.6.D.4 with the following:
- All Rally America sanctioned regional events will award points for the purpose of determining Regional Champions. A competitor must be registered for the Regional Championship prior to their first event of the season within the region. If the competitor is not registered, he/she will not accrue points for that event. A competitor must start at least one event in the region for which he/she is registered to be eligible for end-of-season awards.

Rationale: Rally America has created new classes and made significant changes to other classes. Giving greater choice in the regional class structure is intended to offer regional competitors the opportunity to compete in classes that more closely align with the cars that actually run events within the region.

In order to make the Regional Championships more meaningful, Rally America is establishing minimum levels of participation before the Championship and trophies are awarded as well as introducing an additional restriction on out-of-region points.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.